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Palermo, June 25.

WE have an account from the Town of Tortorica, That on the fixth Inftant about feven a Clock in the Evening, after fo great a darkneſs that no object could be diſtinguiſhed at the diſtance of four Paces, there aroſe a great Storm of Rain, Lightning and Thunder, which laſted 36 hours; That about one a Clock the next morning, great Torrents of Water, cauſed by theſe Rains, fell from the neighbouring Mountains with ſo great Rapidity, that they carried with them Trees of an extraordinary bigneſs, which threw down the Walls and Houſes of the Town they happened to beat againſt. The Waters were ſo violent that they overthrew the Church of St. *Nicholas*, and the Archdeacon of the Town, who retired thither, periſhed there with many other perſons: There only remained one Abby, and about 50 Houſes, and thoſe ſo ſhattered that they fell one after another. There were about 600 of the Inhabitants drowned, the reſt being abroad in the Field gathering their Silk, fled to the Mountains, where they ſuffered very much for want of Proviſions. The Goods, Trees, Stones, Sand, and other Rubbiſh which the Waters carried away, were in ſo great abundance, that they made a Bank above the Water, two Miles in length, near the Mouth of the River, where before the ſea was very deep. This Town is ſituate in that part of *Sicily* called the Valley of *Demona*, on the ſide of the River Tortorica, about 25 Miles from the Tuſcan Sea. The Towns of *Randazzo*, *Francaville*, and ſeveral others, have likewiſe been deſtroyed by this great flood. It is added that Mount *Aetna* caſts out ſuch abundance of Water, that all the Neighbouring Country is drowned.

Florence, July 12. Our Letters from *Rome* of the fourth Inſtant tell us, that after having been two Months without Rain, it began to Rain on Sunday the 25th paſt at night, and that an hour before day there fell a Thunderbolt in the Popes Palace of St *Peters*, which entring firſt into the Apartment of Signior *Magiaſchi*, from thence paſſed into the Anticamera, where the Prelates meet, thence into the Chamber where the private Grooms lye, and afterwards into that where the Pope gives Audience, and through a Gallery behind the ſaid Chamber, and thence into the Apartment of Cardinal *Cibo*, and broke down the Chimney-piece, ſo that the Cardinal was forced to riſe and go into another Room, becauſe of the Stink.

Stockholme, July 13. Our Fleet is now quite ready, and wants nothing but Orders to put to Sea. There is a Liſt of the Forces of this Kingdom, according to the preſent Eſtabliſhments, by which the King has in *Sweden*, *Finland*, and *Livonia*, 17729 Horſe, 38326 Foot, and 12000 Seamen; and in *Pomeren* and *Bremen* 6864 Horſe and Foot: and beſides theſe, the *Militia* of this Kingdom, who have the Kings Pay, amount to 26304. The Marquis *de Feuquieres*, the French Ambaſſador, has taken his leave, and will depart ſo ſoon as his Succeſſor, Monſieur *Bazin*, arrives.

Ratisbonne, July 13. The Electoral Colledge having in *April* laſt, upon the Memorial of Monſieur *Verjus*, the French Miniſter, declared, That in the preſent conjuncture, and circumſtances of affairs, they thought it beſt and moſt advantageous for the Empire, That the Peace with the Crown of *France* be preſerved by all the ways and means that may be conducing thereunto; The ſaid French Miniſter has ever ſince been labouring to obtain a like Declaration from the Colledge of Princes, and that of the Towns; and for that purpoſe has preſented ſeveral Memorials, but hitherto he has not been able to ſucceed therein, and is therefore much diſſatisfied.

Francfort, July 18. Count *Waldeck* arrived here ſome days ſince, and having been in conference with the Imperial Ambaſſadors, he parted again the next day for *Caſſel*. There paſſes nothing of moment in the Conferences here.

Cologne, July 24. Some days ſince arrived here the Sieur *Lente*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Denmark*, and yeſterday he had Audience of the Elector of *Cologne*: His buſineſs, as we are informed, is to deſire his Electoral Highneſs's conſent for the ſetting up a Toll at *Gluckſtadt*, on the River *Elbe*, but it's believed he will hardly obtain it. To morrow or next day the Electoreſs Dowager Palatine is expected here. The Elector of *Cologne* intends to go the next week to *Bonne*, to paſs ſome days there. The Prince of *Parma* continues ſtill here.

Bruſſels, July 28. His Excellency returned hither from *Flanders* on Sunday laſt, very much ſatisfied with the Proceeding of the States of that Province, who have given 22000 Rations a day, for the next year, which amounts to a very great Sum, and is 100 Rations a day more than they gave the Prince of *Parma*, which is very extraordinary conſidering the Loſſes that Province has ſuffered. His Excellency has been at *Oſtend* and *Newport*, to ſee in what forwardneſs the new Fortifications that are making there are in, and has ordered a great Sluyce to be made at *Newport*, after the manner of that at *Oſtend*, by means whereof all Veſſels may paſs from thence to *Bruges*, and 500 Men are daily at work upon it; they are likewiſe making a great Baſtion to command the River and the ſaid Sluyce, which will add very much to the ſtrength of that place. From *Liege* we have advice that they have choſen their new Magiſtrates, and that the Party which has all along oppoſed their Prince, the Elector of *Cologne*, is now in poſſeſſion of the Government.

Hague, July 31. The Prince and Princeſs of *Orange* are now at *Dieren*, near which place his Highneſs will take a review of 16 Regiments of Horſe and Foot, which for that purpoſe are drawn together there. Before his Highneſs returns hither it's ſaid he will have another Interview with the Governor of the Spaniſh-Netherlands. There is now before the States-General a Project of a Treaty between the Emperor of *Morocco* and this State, and the ſeveral Provinces are to give in their opinions upon it.

Whitehall, July 28. The following Addreſs having been preſented to His Majeſty, was very graciouſly received by His Majeſty.

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſties moſt Loyal and obedient Subjects, the Grand-Jury for the County of Berks, at the Aſſizes holden at *Reading* the 17th day of *JULY*, 1682. having all ſeen or heard of a Paper produced at the Proceedings againſt the Earl of *SHAFTSBURY*, called the *ASSOCIATION*, do unanimouſly declare our Abhorrency and Deteſtation thereof, and that we do alſo from our hearts deteſt and abhor all manner of Aſſociations and Combinations whatſoever which have not Your Majeſties Commiſſion and Allowance; and we do hereby promiſe to aſſiſt Your moſt Sacred Majeſty (and Your Lawful Heirs and Succeſſors) with our Lives and Fortunes, in the maintenance of the Government in Church and State as it is now Eſtabliſhed by Law, againſt all Oppoſers whatſoever: And we do heartily pray for Your Majeſties long Life, Health, and happy Reign over us; and we Preſent Your Majeſty with our humble Thanks for the encouragement we have to put the Laws in execution againſt Papiſts, and all other Diſſenters. We farther beg leave to Congratulate Your Majeſty in the ſafe arrival of Your Royal Brother, hoping that henceforth neither the raging of the Sea, nor the madneſs of the People, ſhall ever diſturb or di-

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